



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Folgarida Ski Trip 2020 - message of appreciation

I would like to thank you all for your overwhelming support throughout the course of the ski trip, especially with regard to the disruptions we faced travelling back. All school trips are planned robustly with contingencies in place to ensure the safety and welfare of students and staff. On this occasion we faced two situations whilst travelling back; firstly our coach becoming involved in a road traffic accident and secondly major delays due to storms at the ports of Calais & Dover. Both were managed as efficiently as possible with the support of our tour company and our senior leaders.

The week in resort was incredible and provided some of the best conditions for skiing I have ever encountered. Students enjoyed 25 hours on the slope, with lots of fun and no doubt forged countless unique memories which will last a lifetime. I genuinely hope the time in resort remains at the forefront of all students' minds and the progress made skiing takes precedence over any memories associated with the travelling.

I would like to personally and wholeheartedly voice how proud I am of everyone involved in the trip. Ski trips are mentally and physically demanding and, for some students, this may have been their biggest challenge they have ever faced. Challenges come in all shapes and sizes yet #TeamHeanor overcame every single challenge faced collectively. All 96 students were exemplary from start to finish and they were a true credit to the school and to you as parents. I therefore would like to say thank you to every student, staff and parent for being part of this trip.

A meeting has been arranged next week between our senior leaders and the tour company, where full details of the road traffic accident will be discussed. Our senior leaders and representatives from the Spencer Academies Trust are also in communication with the insurance company regarding any personal damage claims. Further advice and information will come in due course.

Once again, a huge thank you for all of your support.

Yours sincerely

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